

The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures

The Holy Spirit is described as **fire** (purify/energize)/ **wind /breath** (refresh, give life, guides)/ **oil, living water** (cleanse & refresh)/ **cloud** (presence of God)/ **Advocate** (counselor, comforter)/ **Spirit of Truth/Power/Love/Wisdom. Giver of Gifts:** Leadership; prophetic vision and guidance; wisdom; empowerment for ministry gifts (charisms); new heart, mind and spirit; transformation/holiness/fruits; building unity & community; surrender & baptism in the Spirit; praise & worship; identity in Christ.

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures)

- 1) Numbers (11: 16-30): **Leadership Gifts** (The Spirit on Moses is shared with the 70 elders).
- 2) 1 Samuel (16:1-13; 17:1-51): **Prophetic Vision and Guidance** (The Spirit leading and Samuel and David).
- 3) Isaiah (11:1-9): **Wisdom Gifts, Reconciliation Gifts.**
61:1-3: **Empowerment for Ministry Gifts**). The messiah as the “anointed one.”
- 4) Ezekiel (36:25-28): **Gifts of raising up a new people; new heart and spirit.**
37:1-14: **Raising a new people, new life and new beginnings.**
47:1-12: **Surrendering to the Spirit;** living water; healing gifts.
- 5) Joel (2:23-3:2): **Gifts of Vision and Prophecy:** Through the messiah the Spirit is poured out on all.

The Holy Spirit in the Gospels

- 1) Luke (1:26-56; 2:22-38): **Gifts of Praise, Prophecy, Service** (Annunciation, Visitation, Presentation).
- 2) Luke (3:15-16): **Baptism in the Holy Spirit.**
Luke (3:21-22): **Overcoming temptation and transformation.**
Luke (4:1-21): **Empowerment for ministry** as the Messiah/Christ.
- 3) John (3:31-35): Jesus does **not ration** his gift of the Spirit;

John (4:4-26; 7:37-39): **Living water.**

4) John (14:15-30; 15:26-27; 16:5-15): The Spirit as the **Advocate** in the Last Supper discourse.

5) Luke (24:44-53); Acts (1:1-12): Ascension.

Acts (2:1-47): Pentecost.

All of Acts: **Spirit's leading and empowering** throughout the Acts of the Apostles.

The Holy Spirit in the New Testament Letters

1) Romans (5:1-5; 8:1-27; 12:1-8):

5:1-5: Spirit witnessing to the **love of God;**

8:1-27: Our true **identity, transforming the flesh; praying within us;**

12:1-8: **Renewing the mind; giving spiritual gifts (charisms).**

2) 1 Corinthians (2:1-16; 12-14):

Ch. 12-14: **Charisms (spiritual gifts) as manifestations of the Spirit; gifts for building up the body of Christ, the Church.**

2:1-16: The Spirit as the **wisdom and power of God.**

3) Galatians (5:13-26): **Overcoming the flesh; led by the Spirit; receiving the fruit of the Spirit.**

4) Ephesians (4: 1-32): **Unity in the Spirit; gifts for building up the body of Christ.**

5) 1 John (2:18-27; 5:6-12): Spirit's **anointing that teaches** and testifies.